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RAIDERS TAKE CURTIN CALL

(Tim Leighton)

Years from now, Ronda Curtin will be remembered as one of the pioneers of girls hockey in Minnesota.

Saturday night, Roseville's star left a more immediate but very lasting impression that typified her dominance of the sport the past four years.

The senior center and all-time leading scorer in state history scored four goals and assisted on one to power the top-ranked Raiders to an 8-2 victory over Bloomington Jefferson in the championship game of the state girls hockey tournament at the State Fairgrounds Coliseum.

The state championship is Roseville's second in just four years of sponsoring girls hockey. It also is the second time in four years the Raiders (27-0-1) finished a season undefeated. They were undefeated when they won the state title in 1996.

Jefferson (22-4-1) was making its second state tournament appearance and first in a championship game.

"Ronda Curtin has been an ambassador for girls hockey the past four years," Jefferson coach Dave Irvin said. "There is no question she should be the Ms. Hockey award winner. 'We're glad she's leaving; she can take her sister with her.'"

Curtin will play for the University of Minnesota next season. But her sister, Renee, will remain a potent scorer for the Raiders for two more seasons. And Ronda, who could be named the recipient of the Ms. Hockey award today, will leave with her name all over the Roseville record book.

"It was a wonderful way to end my career," Ronda Curtin said. "I'm really fortunate. I was able to come in with a bang by winning a state title in our first year, and now I'm going out with a bang. I don't know how anyone can top that. Playing girls hockey in Minnesota has provided me with lots of memories."

Curtin's four goals gave her seven for the tournament and 249 for her career. She finished her career with a state-best (boy or girl) 456 points.

Her pure hat trick in the second period blew open a close game and gave the Raiders a commanding 6-2 lead.

"Oh, those goals were fun to watch, weren't they?" Roseville coach Rich Kuehne said.

Curtin showed the flair and intelligence that became indelible to Roseville's opponents.

She started her second-period spree with a power-play goal at 6:41. She streaked down the left side, sped around a defender and stuffed a shot past Jefferson goalie Dana Hergert.

"Her reach is incredible," Irvin said. "We think she can stand at center ice and touch the sideboards. That is just one of the reasons why she is so tough to defend."

Less than two minutes later, while Roseville was trying to kill a Jefferson power play, Curtin zipped around defender Chrissie Norwich and had a breakaway.

Just when it appeared Curtin would ram into Hergert, she ripped a hard shot that hit the crossbar and bounced down into the net, giving the Raiders a 4-1 lead.

"We really came ready to play," said Renee Curtin, who assisted on two of her sister's goals. "We were very focused and didn't let up."

Well, they did momentarily because Jefferson answered 34 seconds later. Bethany Petersen trimmed Roseville's lead to 4-2 with a wicked wrist shot from just inside the blue line.

Ronda Curtin restored the Raiders' three-goal advantage with a blast from the right circle that sailed past Hergert.

"We really came ready to play," she said. Erika Mortenson gave Roseville a 6-2 lead with her second goal of the game with 27 seconds remaining in the second period.

Three goals were scored in just more than a minute midway through the first period. Roseville scored two of them, 31 seconds apart.

Lindsay O'Keefe gave the Raiders the lead after firing a wrist shot from the slot. Seconds earlier, Mortenson scored her first goal of the tournament, to go with four assists, on a tap-in from in close.

Jefferson opened the scoring on a goal by Emily Naslund at 6:34 after bottling up the Raiders in their zone. For about a minute, Roseville was unable to clear the puck out of its end.

The Raiders ultimately paid the price when Naslund, in heavy traffic in front of the goal, slid a short shot under the pads of Roseville goalie Jodi Winters.

"I was a little concerned in the early going," Kuehne said. "Jefferson came out hard, and we looked a little tentative. I started to relax and enjoy things a little more when we perked up."

Saturday's game ended Kuehne's 33-year hockey coaching career. He plans to retire to his cabin on Leech Lake. He compiled a 103-4-3 record in four years as Roseville's first girls hockey coach.

"That's the kids' record, though, not mine," he said. "They've given me many wonderful memories."

A TRIBUTE TO TOM TROXEL

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Tom Troxel, the Director of the Intermountain Forest Industry Association. Mr. Troxel has demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to the timber industry and to the health and well-being of forests across the nation. His tireless efforts on issues related to forestry, forest health and timber practices have gone far to promote sound practices, to level the playing field with the federal government and to better our environment. Mr. Troxel's high regard for our forested lands and the people that rely on them resonates with dedication and enthusiasm. Mr. Speaker, I commend Tom Troxel for all his efforts, and I look forward to working with him in the future.

SAN LUIS OBISPO HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, last Sunday, April 11, a moving and important event took place in San Luis Obispo, California, which I am proud to represent.

Many of my constituents gathered at Cal Poly Theater to commemorate the 12th annual San Luis Obispo Community Holocaust Remembrance. At this yearly event, the community joins together to remember who died in

the Holocaust, pay tribute to those who survived, and seek to apply the lessons of the past to the reality of the present.

More than half a century after World War II, it is still difficult to comprehend the depth of depravity which engulfed Europe. The systematic extermination of six million Jews and millions of other innocent people—simply because of who they were—stands as the most horrific example of man's inhumanity to man. Now, as fewer and fewer survivors remain to tell their stories, it is even more incumbent upon us to recall the horrors of the Nazi era and teach them to future generations.

Two distinguished speakers were scheduled to address this year's gathering. Klara Bergman was born in Poland and spent the war running and hiding from the Nazis. She is a highly successful businesswoman and a regular on the media.

Ted Johnson, a San Luis Obispo County native, has served in the Peace Corps and the State Department and is an expert on central Europe.

The choice of these two speakers is particularly appropriate this year, as our TV screens are filled with the anguish of Kosovar refugees and our hearts are with the brave American servicemen and women who are leading the NATO attacks on Slobodan Milosovic. As we remember the Holocaust, we must all recommit ourselves to the fight against modern-day genocide and oppression. We must ensure that the phrase "Never Again" is not simply an empty slogan.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONOREES

HON. MARTIN OLAV SABO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, as Women's History Month draws to a close today, I rise to salute a woman from my Congressional District in Minnesota who, by her own example, has helped open the door for all women who choose to serve in elected public office.

Alice W. Rainville, a wife and mother of seven, was the first woman to serve on Minneapolis' Metropolitan Transit Commission. She was appointed to the post by Minnesota Governor Wendell Anderson in 1974—a rare achievement for a woman at that time in our country's history. Also in that year, Rainville served as the chair of the Democrat-Farmer-Laborer party in Minnesota's 54th Senate District. In 1975, she sought and won the Fourth Ward seat on the Minneapolis City Council. By doing so, Rainville became the fourth woman to hold a City Council seat in the history of Minneapolis. She was re-elected every two years thereafter until she retired in January, 1998.

Although she was not Minneapolis' first female City Council member, Rainville became its first female City Council President. Becoming President in 1980, she led the Council until 1990—the longest tenure of any City Council President in Minneapolis. As President, Rainville played a major role in laying the groundwork for the new Minneapolis Convention Center, which opened in 1988. She worked with local officials and consultants on the initial plans and construction of this world-